

**Minutes of the Mt. Vernon – Black Township  
Parks and Recreation Board Meeting  
Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

The Mt. Vernon – Black Township Parks and Recreation Department Board held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizen Center at 6:00 p.m. attending the meeting was: Parks Board President – Ron Bennett, Members – Linc Baro and Synda Waters, Parks Director John Tate and Park Board Secretary- Debra Scott.

Members not present: Kay Cox.

Visitor's attending the meeting was: Stacey Beason, Tiffany Eisenhut, Jay Ransford, and Bob Stemple.

The motion to authorize payment of claims was made by Synda Waters and seconded by Linc Baro. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the minutes as written or corrected from the June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007, meeting was made by Synda Waters and seconded by Ron Bennett. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the balance of accounts to be entered into the minutes subject to audit for July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, was made by Synda Waters and seconded by Linc Baro. Motion carried.

Mr. Ron Bennett suggested letting the visitors speak before the Parks Board Meeting began. Stacey Beason has a son who plays Mt. Vernon Youth Baseball, located at Brittlebank Park

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Background Checks- Mr. Tate stated he had been waiting on in.gov. To fax a username and password, so he can log on the computer and start the registration process. Mr. Tate stated he had not heard from in.gov, so he contacted them and they are mailing the information he needed. Mr. Tate stated he needs log on to find out if there are other fees other then the \$50 registration fee. The issue was tabled until the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. Non-reverting capital fund- Mr. Ron Bennett described the different types of capital funds available. Mr. Ron Bennett stated he had discussed the issue with City Councilman Bill Curtis, and stated that Mr. Curtis recommended that we look into an accumulated capital fund for the Parks and Rec. After discussing the

pros and cons of each type of fund, the board decided the accumulated capital fund would be more beneficial in the long run for the department and the city. Synda Waters made the motion to set up an accumulated capital fund rather than the non-reverting capital fund, Kay Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Take me fishing and PCCF Grant- Mr. Tate stated he applied for a grant thru the National Recreation and Park Association called "Take Me Fishing." Mr. Tate stated the department received a \$1,000 grant for training, programs and education in fishing and boating. Mr. Denny Hargett will be leading a group of 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders through a four day boating and fishing program. Mr. Tate stated the department also received a PCCF grant he applied for in March. Mr. Tate applied for a \$7000.00 grant for early childhood playground equipment at Brittlebank Park and received a partial grant in the amount of \$3,800. Mr. Tate stated the department has thirteen months to use these funds and complete the project. If the budget does not allow the department to complete the project this fall, the project will be completed in early 2008.
2. 2008 Budget- Mr. Tate presented the Board with the 2008 budgets. After reviewing the budgets, Mr. Tate stated there was only one line item change. Mr. Tate included line 120 for a Maintenance Foreman position. This position will be full time, working at least 32 hours and include full benefits. The budget was held to the 4.5% increase. The budget hearing was set for Wednesday, June 27.
3. Sherburne Park – Board Member Kay Cox spoke to the board about Sherburne Park. Ms. Cox is not pleased with the shape the park is in and suggested we need to look into purchasing new swing sets for the park. She also recommended that a different type of flower/plant needed to be used in the planter boxes at the park. Mrs. Cox offered to purchase the flowers for the boxes next year. She also said the WSI would be willing to purchase the new swing sets for the park. Mr. Tate stated he would get a quote on the swing sets for her.

Motion was made to adjourn by Linc Baro and seconded by Synda Waters.

Motion Carried.

## **Meeting Adjourned**

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John Tate, Parks Director

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Ron Bennett, Board President

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 15th, 2007, at the Senior Citizen Center.